

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
REISSUE OF PATENT 6,355,799

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim 6 has been amended by adding specification compounds 1-37 and 1-38 to it.

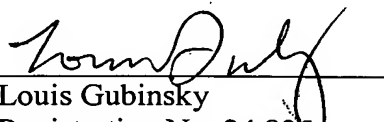
Dependent claims 7, 10 and 12-14 have been amended to also depend upon claim 6.

Support for the claim changes is set forth in the Status and Support for Claim Changes filed concurrently herewith.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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For: SUBSTITUTED BENZENE COMPOUNDS, PROCESS FOR THEIR
PREPARATION, AND HERBICIDAL AND DEFOLIANT COMPOSITIONS
CONTAINING THEM

STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

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A. STATUS OF CLAIM CHANGES

6. (currently amended): A compound selected from the group consisting of 3-(2-amino-4-chloro-6-fluoro-3-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-2,4(1H,3H)pyrimidinedione; [and] ~~3-(2-amino-4-chloro-6-fluoro-3-methoxyphenyl)-1-amino-6-trifluoromethyl-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione~~ 3-(2-amino-4-chloro-6-fluoro-3-methoxyphenyl)-1-amino-6-trifluoromethyl-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione; 3-(2-amino-4-chloro-6-fluoro-3-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione; and 3-(2-amino-4-chloro-3-difluoromethoxy-6-fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione.

7. (currently amended): A herbicidal composition, characterized in that it contains at least one compound according to claim 1 or 6 and an agricultural adjuvant.

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10. (currently amended): A method for controlling undesired vegetation which comprises applying to a locus to be protected a herbicidally effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or 6

12. (currently amended): The method of claim 11 wherein the compound of claim 1 or 6 is applied to soil as a preemergent herbicide.

13. (currently amended): The method of claim 11 wherein the compound of claim 1 or 6 is applied to plant foliage.

14. (currently amended): A method to defoliate potato and cotton using a compound of claim 1 or 6.

SUPPORT IN DISCLOSURE FOR AMENDED CLAIMS

Two additional compounds have been added to original claim 6. The two new compounds correspond to compound nos. 1-37 and 1-38 in Table 1. The herbicidal activity of these compounds is described in Tables XX and XXI.

As with the situation with the two compounds of original claim 6, the additional two compounds are also excluded by the proviso of claim 1. These two additional compounds are also not found within the disclosure of U.S. Patent 5,116,404.

With respect to the amendments to claims 7, 10 and 12-14, support is found in the original claims.

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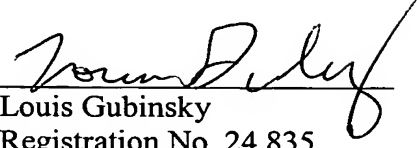
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